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Aerojet workers offered deal on solar power

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Roseville-based Solar Power Inc. and Aerojet in Rancho Cordova have launched a program to provide local Aerojet employees with discounts on photovoltaic solar systems for their homes.

About 1,600 Aerojet employees could benefit from a discount on solar residential systems from Yes Solar Solutions, a subsidiary of SPI.

When coupled with the current federal investment tax credit and California's solar initiative rebate, the discount reduces the total system cost by up to 60 percent, SPI said.

Last month, the two companies announced a nearly \$20 million deal to build a 3.5-megawatt array of solar panels at the Aerojet campus near Rancho Cordova. By November, more than 18,000 panels are scheduled to cover about 20 acres of now-vacant land near White Rock Road.

The panels will supply about one-fifth of the energy needed to operate a system of wells and water-treatment equipment that Aerojet is using to clean up groundwater contamination from its aerospace operations decades ago.

– Mark Glover

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